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Dear Dr. Anfinsen:

I am sorry this letter has been delayed--but I trust you will understand that we have all been heavily involved in the last 48 hours. I know that everyone is upset that our advertisement did not appear on the scheduled date. Technical difficulties involving type-setting and getting space, resulting from the avalanche of names we got, led to the delay. The ad will appear in the Thursday "Times" with appropriate notice stating that it was prepared before hostilities broke out, and is being printed as an expression of support for the integrity and security of Israel.

We are all convinced that much work has to be done now; the issues will be primarily political. We must do what we can to see that the settlement which follows the hostilities does not find Israel in the same precarious security position as before, and I fear the pressures against her will be great. In New York, a speakers' bureau has been organized by our faculty people, and many meetings, primarily of non-Jewish groups, have been addressed.

Ad hoc faculty groups must be organized throughout the country to disseminate information, organize "letters to the editors", place ads in local papers indicating support for Israel, and doing what they can to help influence public opinion both on the campus and in the community as a whole.

Perhaps another ad should appear later if necessary, calling on the U.S. government to see that Israel's security needs are met in any settlement that is made.

Please send us any additional names from your school that can be counted on for help. Who are the key people that should be contacted for widespread and rapid dissemination of information, etc., in the different sections of the University?

We will be calling a meeting of the key people in the East Coast area very shortly to help determine what the Ad Hoc Committee should concentrate on now. We must not lose the momentum which has been achieved to date. I shall be in touch with you shortly. Let me thank you for the wonderful way in which you have co-operated up to now.

Sincerely,



Allen Pollack
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